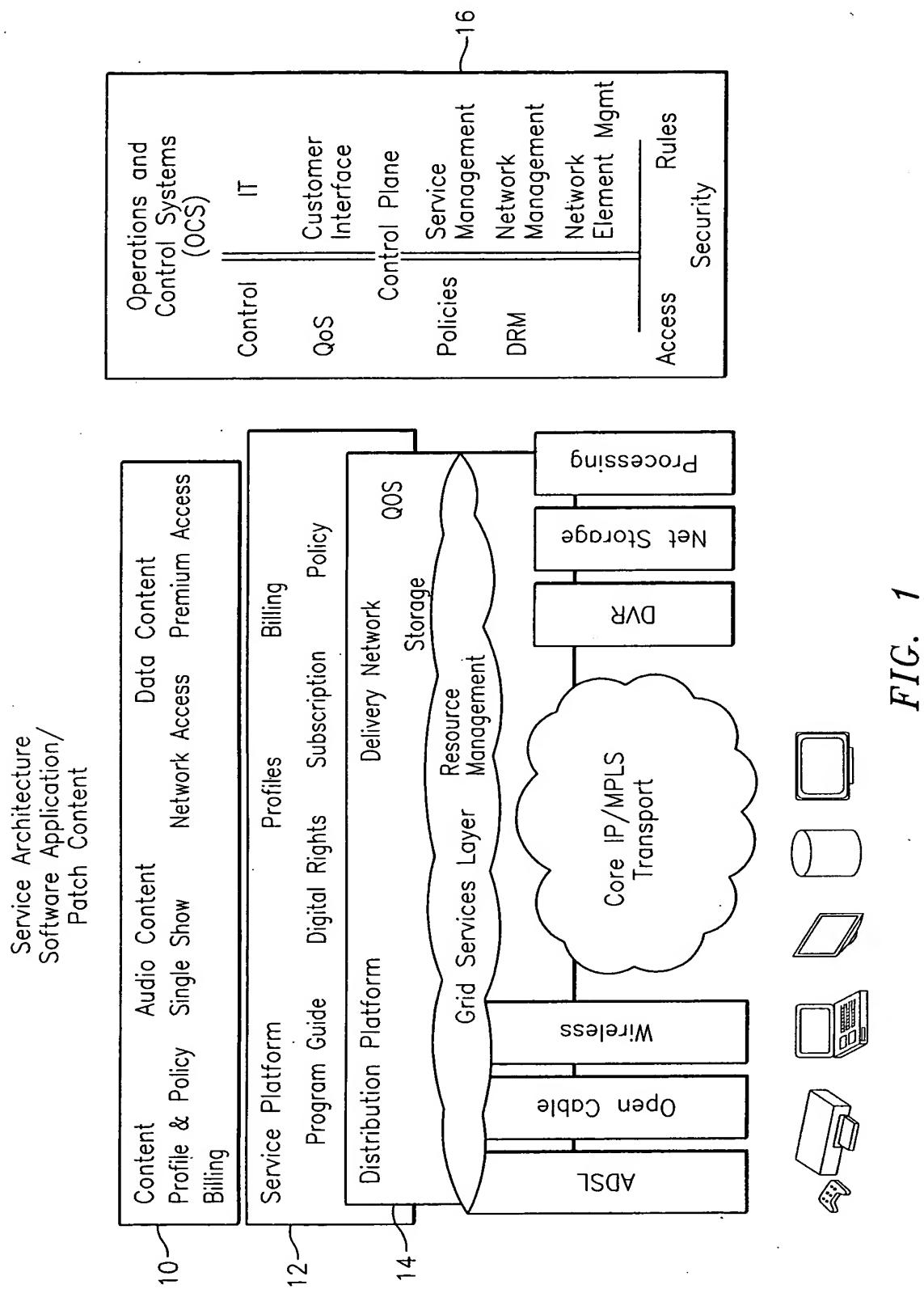


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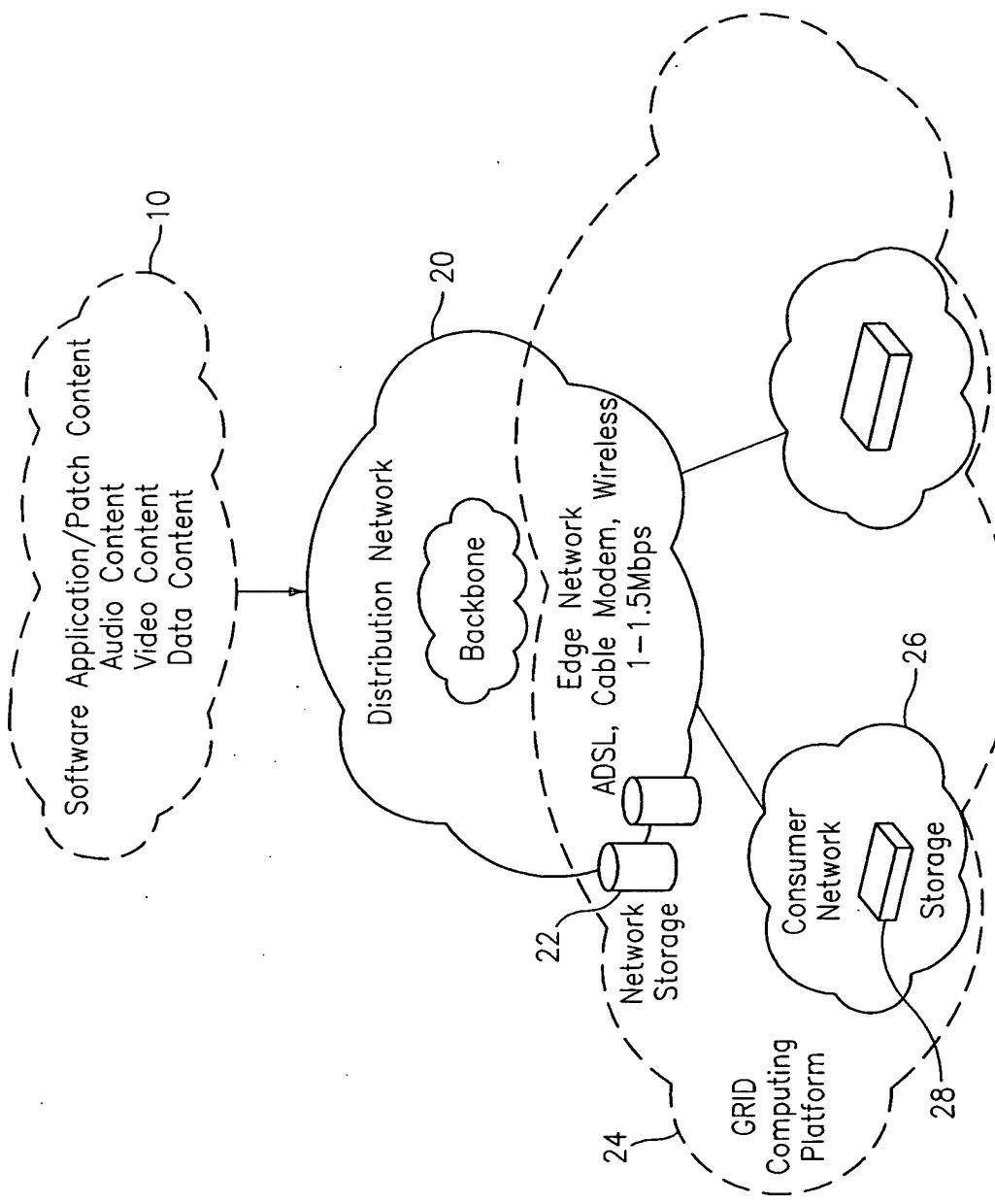


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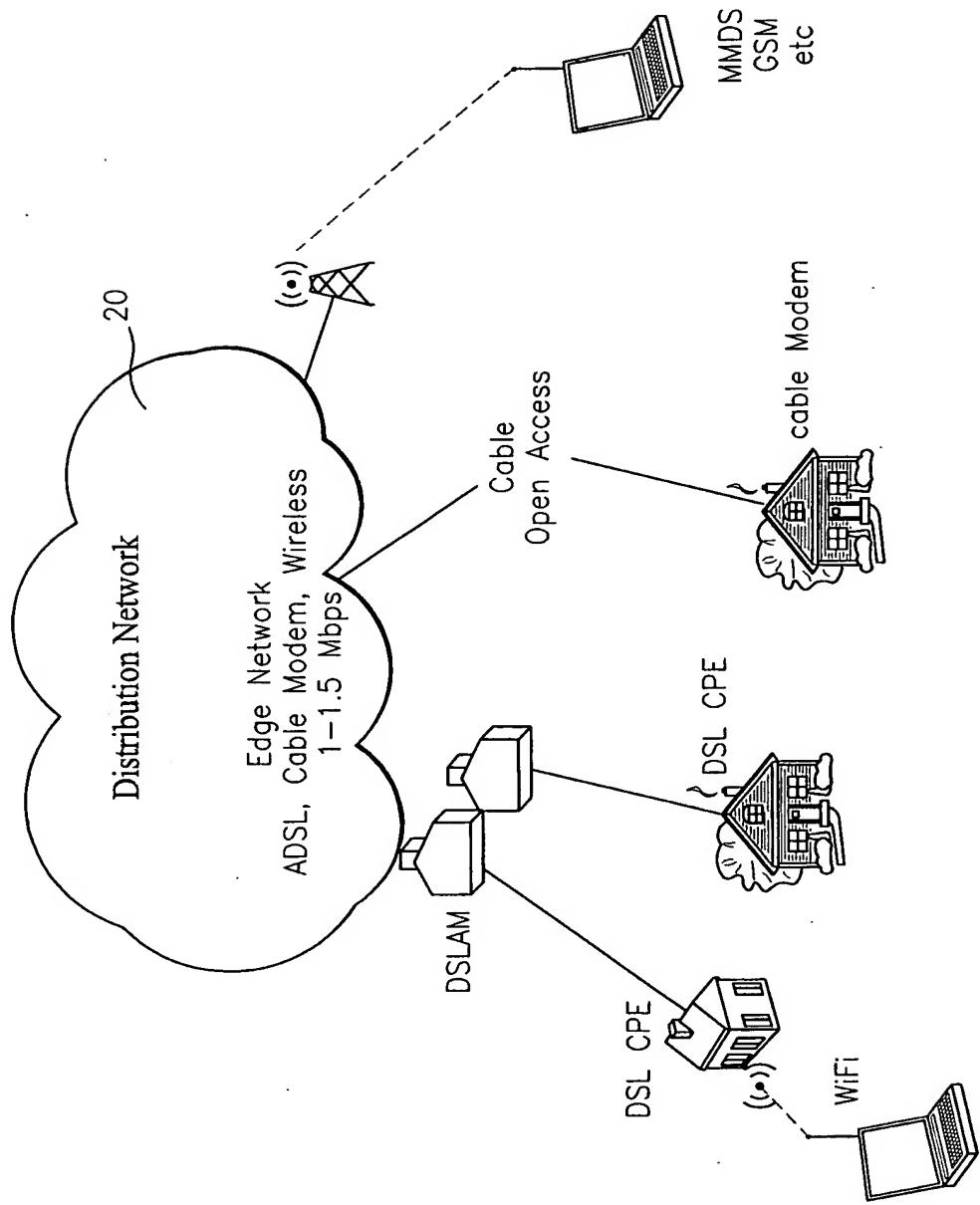


FIG. 3

Storage Functions at Three Distinct Levels
of the Grid Architecture

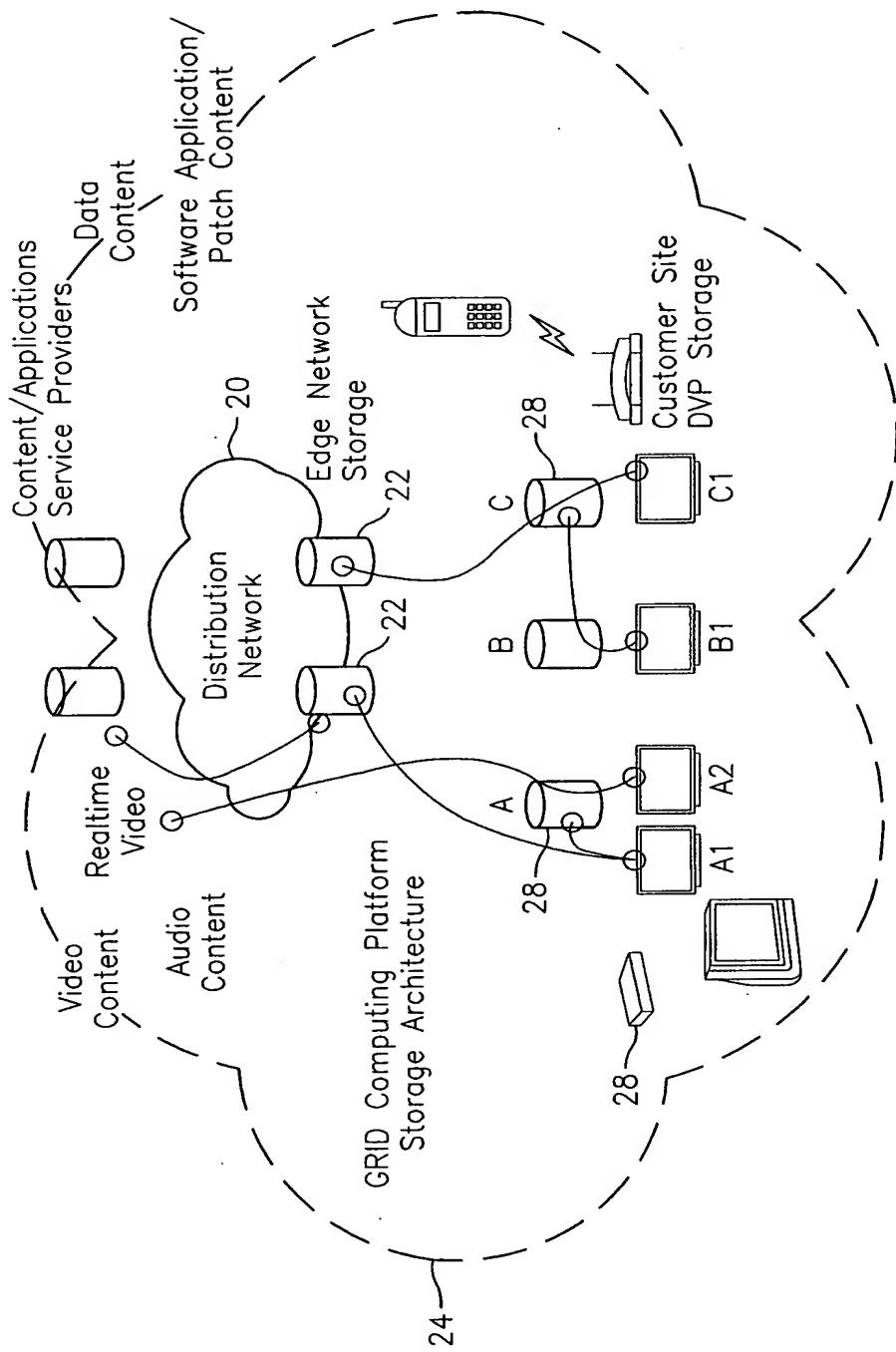


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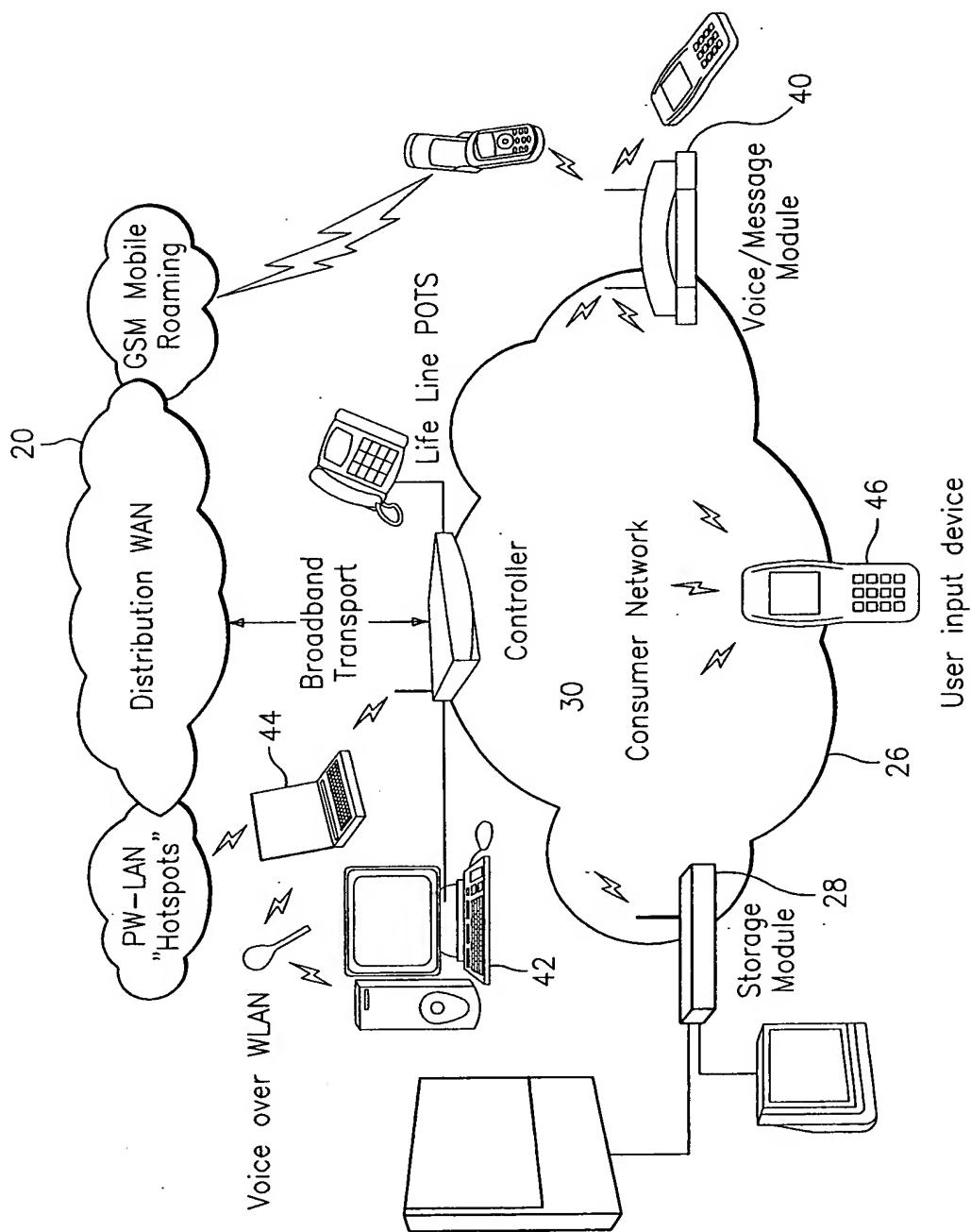


FIG. 5

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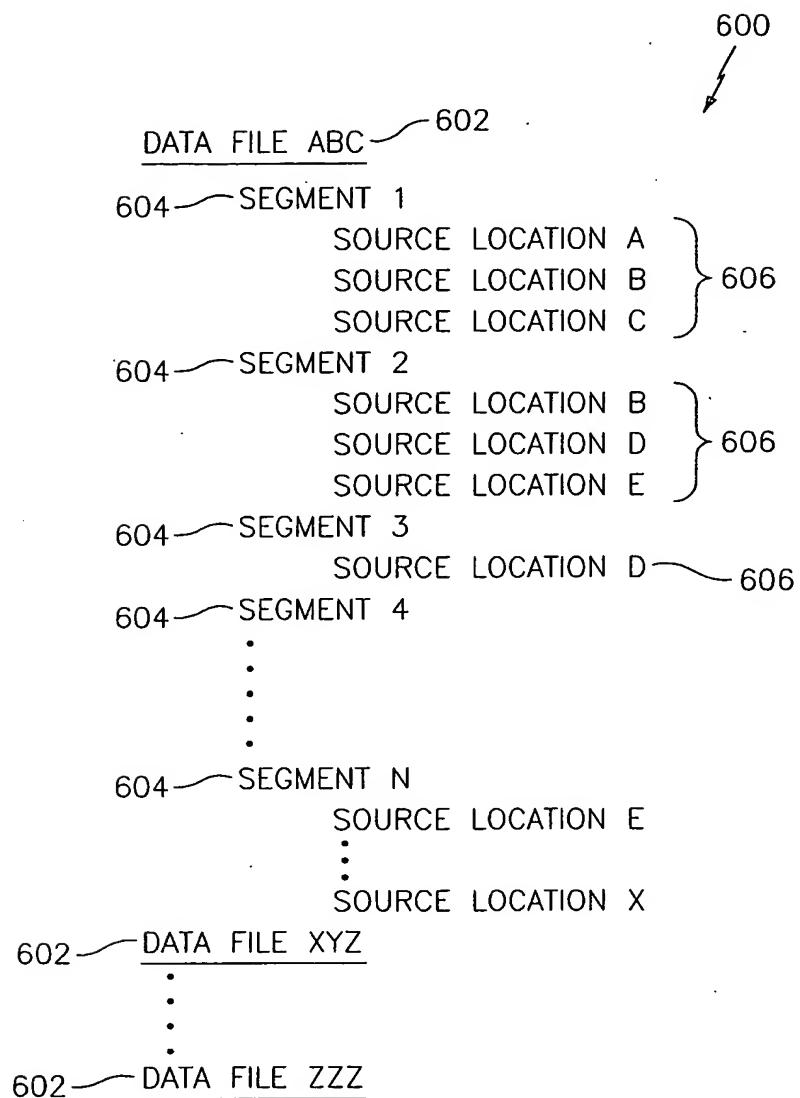


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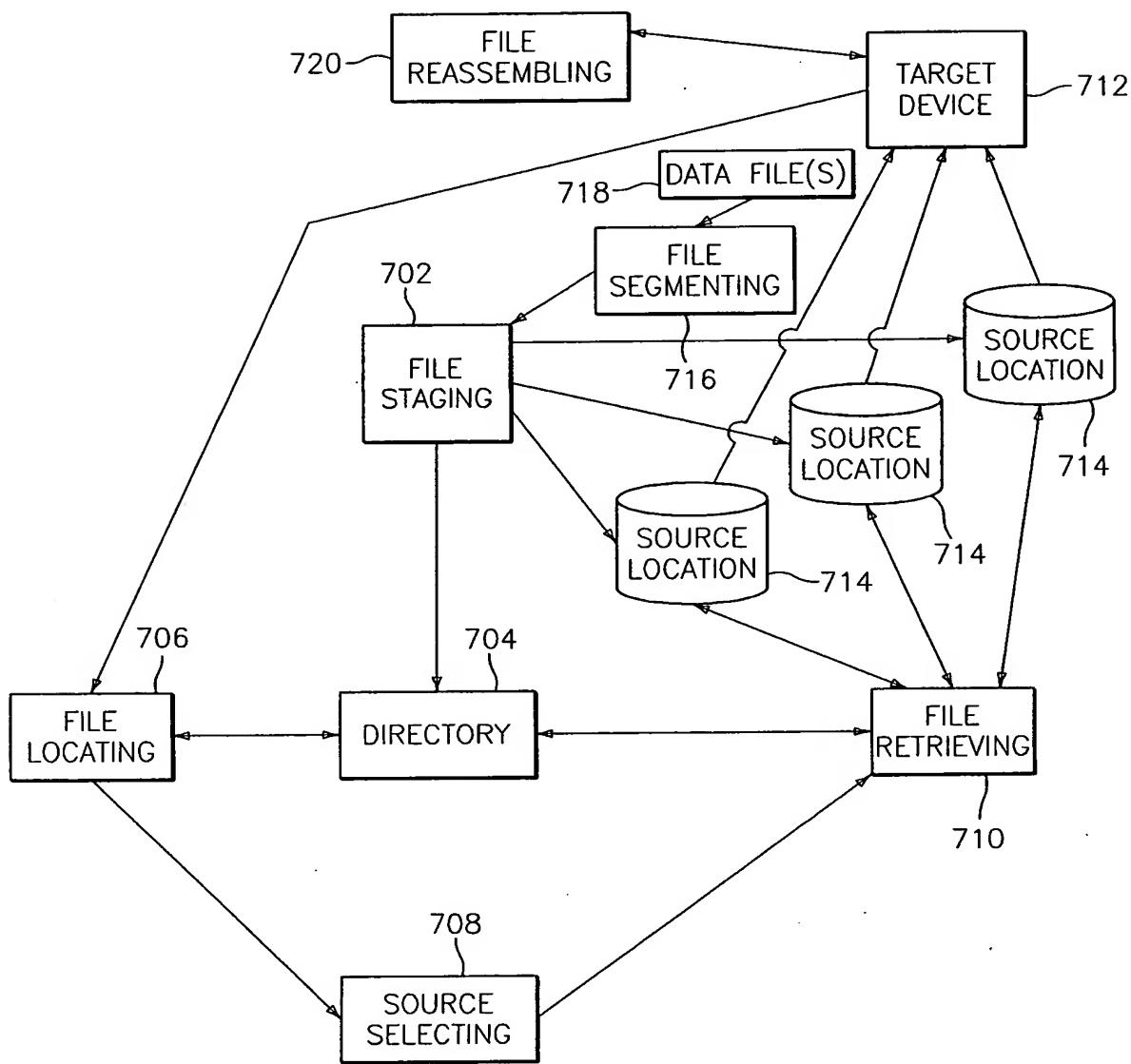


FIG. 7

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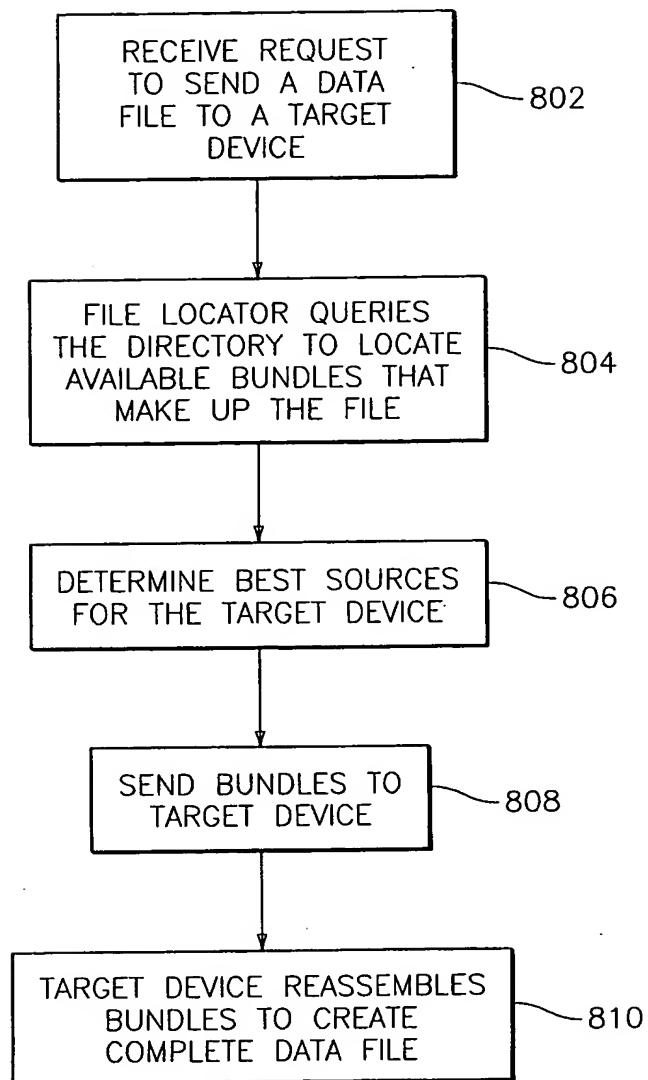


FIG. 8